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MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
of the
BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY

APRIL 8, 2005

CALL TO ORDER

The public meeting of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy was called to order at 10:00 a.m. at Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area, 4100 South La Cienega Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90056.

I. Roll Call

The Conservancy roll was called, and the following voting members were present: Ta-Lecia Arbor, Allan Boodnick, Russ Guiney, Mary Ann Greene, Robert Jones, Ron Schafer, and Marta Zaragoza. Supervisor Yvonne Burke arrived after roll. Absent: Ruth Coleman, Kenneth Bentley, Mike Chrisman, Dave Harper, Reginald Jones-Sawyer, and Bobbie Parks.

The following non-voting members were present: Sara Amir. Absent: Joe Edmiston, Neal Fishman, Paul Mount, Don Rogers, and Greg Broughton.

The following staff members were present: David McNeill and Gloria Dangerfield.

Representing the Office of the Attorney General was John Saurenman.

II. Introductions

The Chair made introduced Jean Pruitt, who would be doing the Governance Workshop portion for the Board. Ron Schafer introduced Tom Tanner, California State Parks new Sector Superintendent for the Angeles District. Mr. McNeill introduced Garry George of the Audubon Society.

III. Approval of Minutes (February)

The Chair called for a motion to approve February's minutes. A motion was made by Member Zaragoza and was seconded to approve the minutes. Motion carries.

IV. Baldwin Hills Park Linkage and Access Study Presentation

The presentation of the study was given by Bob Hale of Rios Clementi Hale Studios, who stated the basic mission of the study was to enhance access. Member Zaragoza questioned if they had gotten public comments for their study. Jeff Harlan, consultant to the Baldwin Hills

Conservancy stated that the board approved submission of the study last February and that the study was for the Board's internal review at this time. Member Greene felt public input was

necessary, but thought it important for the Board to first look at the process. Member Guiney felt the study was great as it addressed issues already discussed (access, connection, landscape enhancement) and felt as it get further along, will certainly need community input. The Chair suggested an ad hoc committee be formed for the linkage study. Member Greene and Member Zaragoza volunteered to serve on the committee.

V. Public Comment on Agenda Items and Items Not on the Agenda

Shelly Chagnon (City of Culver City) stated they that are requesting adequate time to review documents of their General Plan to ensure consistency. She also asked that the Baldwin Hills Conservancy address operation costs associated with the planning projects, areas of responsibility, as well as fiscal constraints. Councilmember Gross (City of Culver City) touched base on the study and felt public input was important, especially on the issues of access. She also discussed the area of responsibility for future maintenance/costs.

VI. Discussion and Possible Action on a Resolution Approving Baldwin Hills Park Area Branding Concept and Proposed Template for Signage

Jeff Harlan provided background of the branding concept and proposed signage template and Jennifer Bressler (Hunt Design) gave a PowerPoint presentation. A motion made by Member Zaragoza was seconded to accept the application and concept. There were concerns expressed by members over the signage naming. Member Zaragoza amended her motion. The Chair called for the vote on the amended motion; all ayes and one abstention. Motion carried. The Chair called for the vote on the motion of the name; all ayes and one abstention. Motion carried.

VII. Governance Workshop

Jean Pruitt provided the Conservancy Board with recommendations on how to motivate and gain board members participation and to accomplish goals. She also advised the board members to have a thorough understanding of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy's mission. Board members gave their views on what they would like to see accomplished.

The workshop convened at 11:30 a.m. The Chair then took comments from an audience member, Carmen Spiva, who shared her concerns over the continued expansion of operation by PXP and expressed how she and other neighbors are awakened by the drilling, lights, etc.

VIII. Ad Hoc Committee Reports

Public Relations Ad Hoc Committee - the Chair read the report submitted by Member Zaragoza. The committee met on March 1, 2005 and discussed how to effectively publicize the Conservancy's mission, achievements, and needs. They considered several options to accomplish these goals.

Legislative Ad Hoc Committee – Member Greene reported their committee met with Notice Edwards of Assemblymember Karen Bass' office regarding Spot Bill AB A565 to submit several recommendations made by the Board. Some of the key recommendations submitted: extend the sunset date of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy date from 2008 to 2011 and to remove the Baldwin Hills Conservancy from under the Brown Act and place it under the Bagley-Keene Act.

Acquisition Ad Hoc Committee – Mr. McNeill reported that the purchase and sale agreement of the Lovingfoss property was agreed by the Lovingfoss group and will enter into escrow soon.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chair announced that the next meeting date of May 12, 2005, would be an evening meeting. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Approved:

Allan Boodnick
Chair